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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NYERERE TO CANADA

1. SUMMARY. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR
AUGUST 4, IVAN HEAD, PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S PERSONAL
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR, INDICATED THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN
NYERERE AS BUOYANT AND AS CONFIDENT ABOUT HIS OWN POSITION
AND ABOUT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS HE WAS
DURING THIS WEEK'S VISIT TO OTTAWA. HEAD PASSED ON THE
FOLLOWING SPECIFIC COMMENTS ABOUT NYERERE'S CONVERSATIONS
WITH TRUDEAU, DURING MOST OF WHICH HEAD PARTICIPATED. END
SUMMARY.

2. ON U.S. ROLE, NYERERE WAS OUTSPOKEN IN HIS PRAISE OF
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ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE COURSE OF EVENTS IN
RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. THE U.S., HE SAID, NO LONGER SEEMS
TO BE ACTING SIMPLY OUT OF AN INTEREST IN COUNTERING
COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA; RATHER THE U.S. NOW
APPEARS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT ACHIEVING "DIGNITY AND
JUSTICE". IN SUM, IT IS THE APPARENT MOTIVATION BEHIND
RECENT U.S. EFFORTS WHICH PLEASES NYERERE MOST.

3. ON RHODESIA, NYERERE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE LEADERS OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES AND HE, ESPECIALLY, AS CHAIRMAN OF THIS GROUP, COULD EXERCISE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER NKOMO AND MUGABE. HE HAS MADE CLEAR TO BOTH THAT THERE MUST BE ONLY ONE ZIMBABWEAN ARMY AND NOT ANY FACTIONS OWING ALLEGIANCE TO ONE OR THE OTHER, AND HE INTENDS TO MAKE ESSENTIALLY SAME POINT TO REPRESENTATIVES OF CUBAN GOVERNMENT WHOM HE INTENDS TO SEE DURING HIS VISIT TO JAMAICA. SPECIFICALLY, HE WILL MAKE KNOWN HIS STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE CUBANS' SUPPLYING ANY ARMS TO NKOMO FOR ANY PERSONAL ARMY. THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC DISCUSSION ABOUT A POSSIBLE CANADIAN ROLE IN A PEACEKEEPING EFFORT IN RHODESIA BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO HEAD, NYERERE IS APPARENTLY CONFIDENT GOC WILL AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IF SUCH AN EFFORT IS AGREED UPON. HEAD INDICATED CANADIANS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IF THERE WAS ANY SERIOUS DANGER OF THEIR BECOMING CAUGHT IN A CROSSFIRE SITUATION. IF THEY DID BECOME INVOLVED, HEAD ADDED, THEY WOULD PREFER IT TO BE UNDER A UN MANDATE, NOT SIMPLY AS PART OF A COMMONWEALTH PRESENCE.

3. ON NAMIBIA, NYERERE WAS HIGHLY LAUDATORY OF EFFORTS OF CONTACT GROUP, PARTICULARLY OF CANADA AND U.S. QUESTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS DID NOT ARISE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH NYERERE, BUT HEAD DID RAISE IT IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION
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WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY NYAKI. LATTER INDICATED TANZANIA HAD NO REASON TO HOLD THEM AS THEY HAD BROKEN NO TANZANIAN LAW; ON OTHER HAND, HE HAD NO REASON TO DOUBT ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THEM. HEAD GOT IMPRESSION THAT TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDS PRISONERS AS POSSIBLE BARGAINING CHIP IN DEALING WITH NUJOMA AND THAT NYERERE MIGHT BE PREPARED TO RELEASE THEM EVENTUALLY IF THEY COULD BE "NEUTRALIZED" THROUGH TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN A THIRD COUNTRY.

4. ON CANADIAN AID TO TANZANIA, HEAD SAID THAT GOC HAD DEVELOPED A "WELL-DESIGNED" PROGRAM TOTALLING 75 MILLION DOLLARS (FIFTEEN MILLION OF WHICH IS UNTIED) FOR THE TANZANIAN RAILROAD LINE RUNNING NORTH TOWARDS LAKE VICTORIA. PROGRAM WILL INVOLVE BOTH EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICIANS.

5. ON NYERERE'S OWN PERSONAL PLANS FOR FUTURE, TRUDEAU GAVE HIM SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO REVEAL HIS THINKING, BUT NYERERE NEVER GAVE ANY SPECIFIC HINTS. STILL, HEAD FORMED IMPRESSION FROM NYERERE'S GENERAL DEMEANOR THAT HE IS NOW MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT THE CORRECTNESS OF HIS POLICIES AND MORE AT EASE AS PRESIDENT THAN HE HAS EVER BEEN.

6. ON SOUTH AFRICA, NYERERE HAS BEEN TELLING OTHER FRONT-LINE STATE LEADERS THAT TACTICS THEY HAVE USED TO ACHIEVE POWER WILL NOT WORK AGAINST SAG, THAT THEY MUST BE PATIENT AND PUT THEIR OWN HOUSES IN ORDER POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, AND THAT ANY CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA MUST COME OVER TIME MAINLY FROM EFFORTS OF SOWETOS, NOT FROM OUTSIDERS. IN HEAD'S WORDS, NYERERE SEEMED TO BE REALISTIC ON THIS SUBJECT. ENDERS

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